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To: Alexander Belinfante, Alan Feldman, Douglas Galbi, Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Tamara Preiss
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 8:11 AM
Subject: Unbundled access to the local loop (copper pair) in U.S.A.

Dear Sir or Madam

Since 1 January 1998 other network operators in Germany have been able to lease an unbundled access to the local loop (copper pair or raw copper) as defined in Commission Recommendation C (2000) 1059 dated 26 April 2000, from the incumbent operator. By its decision of 11 April 2002 (Communication 14/2002 and 234/2002 published in the Regulatory Authority's Official Gazette No 8 of 2 May 2002), the German Regulatory Authority for Telecommunications and Posts fixed the following rate one time charge/one-off charge/installation charge for 'Line transfer' (VAT excluded) = EUR 70.56.

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As this rate will no longer be applicable after 30 June 2003, we intend to fix a new rate based, inter alia, on the rate applicable in other countries. We therefore kindly request you to answer the following question:

* What is the price for the one time charge/one off charge/installation charge for 'Line transfer' (copper pair) (VAT excluded, local currency) in your country? (If there is a range of prices for the requested charge, it is also welcome.)

* Is the price regulated in your country? If so, on what basis is the price set (cost basis or tariff comparison, etc.)? If the price is based on costs, which methodology was used (i.e. long run incremental costs, fully allocated costs, historic costs, embedded costs, etc.)?

* The above charge of EUR 70.56 applies to

* line transfer without work at end-customer.

* Additionally, there are other variants in Germany with different prices:

line transfer with work at end-customer

new line with work at primary connection point (PCP) and without work at end-customer

new line with work at primary connection point (PCP) and with work at end-customer

new line without work at primary connection point (PCP) and without work at end-customer

new line without work at primary connection point (PCP) and with work at end-customer

disconnection charge without simultaneous switchover at end-customer

disconnection charge with simultaneous switchover at end-customer.

Do you also have different variants in your country? If so, please specify and indicate the relevant prices (VAT excluded, local currency).

Maybe you can also provide the relevant website link for this information.

If necessary, would you be so kind as to forward this enquiry to the department responsible? Please send us your answer by 26 May 2003. Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Best Regards
 By direction of the President

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